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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : S. WATARI et al

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Title : AUTOMATIC ANALYZER

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**REQUEST FOR STATUS**

Sir:

Kindly advise the undersigned of the status of the above-identified application. The application was filed on October 9, 2003. On January 12, 2004 the Official Filing Receipt was mailed by the PTO. The last correspondence from the PTO was the Notice of Publication of Application received by us on April 29, 2004. However, we are still waiting for a first Office Action.

Your prompt attention to this matter would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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